

Idaho Northern Railroad, Tool Shed
(Union Pacific Railroad, Tool Shed)
West side of N. Broadway St.
Montour
Gem County
Idaho

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

IDAHO NORTHERN RAILROAD, MONTOUR, SECTION TOOL SHED
(Union Pacific Railroad, Montour, Section Tool Shed)

Location: West side of North Broadway Street, at the
south side of the railroad tracks.
Montour, Gem County, Idaho
UTM: 11/553950/4863400

Present Owner: Union Pacific Railroad

Present Occupant: Union Pacific Railroad

Present Use: Storage of railroad tools

Statement of
Significance: This structure is one example of a railroad
section tool shed.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Date of erection: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

Historic narrative:

This structure is an example of late 19th or early 20th century railroad architecture, built to house tools and equipment for railroad workers on a section of rail line. It is now situated on the foundations of the Montour depot, which was a hipped-roof frame building under construction at the time the first town lots were sold in August, 1912.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATIONGeneral statement

1. Architectural merit and interest: This is an example of a common type of small utilitarian structure.
2. Condition of fabric: Good
3. Summary description: One story, one room, 8 by 16 feet, rectangular plan.

Detailed description of the exterior

1. Foundations: The building rests on its south and west sides upon the foundation of the former railroad station. This foundation is 9 inches thick and 8 inches above the ground level. At the other two sides railroad ties have been laid on the ground to serve as a foundation.
2. Wall construction: The walls are covered in drop siding with 5 1/8 inches exposed, painted white and somewhat weathered under the paint.
3. Structural system: The walls are of 2x4s at 24 inches on center generally. The floor and ceiling appear to be of joist construction and rafters are seen at the eaves as 2x2s at 20 to 24 inches on center.
4. Porches: The small stoop is two railroad ties, side by side.
5. Chimneys: None
6. Openings, doorways and doors: There are two doors on the east side. Each door has two tall vertical panels above two shorter vertical panels. Door frames are of flat material, edges rounded, with applied door stops (i.e., not rebated).
7. Openings, windows: There is a small louvered opening in the north wall, but it does not penetrate the wall. Also in the north wall, joints in the siding indicate the location of another door - in the west part of this wall. There is a high window opening at the west wall with a top-hinged hatch door instead of a window.
8. Roof, shape, covering: The roof is a gable with wood shingle roofing and a ridge cap of two narrow boards nailed together.
9. Roof, eaves: At the eaves, projecting 2x2s are visible. The soffit at the eaves is a board, and at the gables the projecting ends of boards.
10. Roof, dormers: None

Detailed description of interior

1. Floor plan: The plan is one small rectangular room.
2. Stairways: None
3. Flooring: At the east 5'-9", the flooring is softwood

- matchboards, 3-3/8 inches exposed, running across the building. At a hole in this floor, its thickness is measured as about 3½ inches, but at the threshold it is board thickness. At the rear (west) part of the shed, the floor is two-inch-thick planks, 11½ inches wide, running the length of the shed. The boards do not fit together tightly, and floor joists can be seen below.
4. Wall and ceiling finish: Walls have horizontal boards varying from 10 to 12 inches in width. The boarded-up door on the north wall is evidenced by the joints in the boards. The ceiling is vee-jointed matchboards running the length of the building, showing two different colors of peeling paint.
 5. Doorways and doors: None inside.
 6. Trim: None
 7. Hardware: There is nothing significant. There is a heavy brass railroad padlock and hasp at the operable door.
 8. Mechanical and electrical equipment: None

Site and Surroundings

1. Orientation and general setting: The long dimension parallels the railroad tracks, which are just to the north, and the east end of the building is near the street and faces it.
2. Historical landscape design: None
3. Outbuildings: None

PART III. PROJECT INFORMATION

This project was undertaken by Dennett, Muessig & Associates, Iowa City, Iowa, in cooperation with the Bureau of Reclamation, Pacific Northwest Region. It fulfills the Bureau of Reclamation's obligations under a memorandum of agreement between the Bureau, the State of Idaho, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, pursuant to 36 CFR 800. The structure was photographed, measured, and drawn March - September, 1979 by Sarah J. Dennett and Hans Muessig, Project Supervisors; Wesley I. Shank, Project Architectural Historian/Historical Architect, (Iowa State University); Martha H. Bowers, Project Historian; Robert A. Ryan, Project Photographer; and Philipp Muessig, Project Assistant.

APPENDIX

CHAIN OF TITLE:
IDAHO NORTHERN RAILROAD, MONTOUR, SECTION TOOL SHED

Description: A strip of land 100 ft. wide, being 50 ft. in width on each side of the center line of the main track of the Idaho Northern Line of the O.S.L.R.R CO. as the same as now located over and across Lots 1 and 2 of Sec. 28, and the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 22, all in Twp 7 NR 1 EBM, excepting between the W line of said SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and a line drawn perpendicular to said center line of main track through a point 1066 ft. more or less distant NERly measured along said center line from its intersection with said W line of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, where said strip of land is 160 ft. wide, being 100 ft in width on the NWRly side and 60 ft in width on the SERly side of said center line of main track.

Also a strip of land 160 ft wide being 100 ft in width on the NWRly side and 60 ft in width on the SERly side of the said center line of main track as the same as now located over and across the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 22, excepting between the S and W lines of said SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and a line drawn perpendicular to said center line of main track through a point 46 ft distant NERly, measured along said center line of track from its intersection with the S. line of said Sec. 22, where said strip of land is 200 ft in width on the NWRly side of said center line of track.

Also all that portion of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 27 of said Twp and R. lying NWRly of a line which is 50 ft SERly from and parallel to said center line of main track.

The location of said center line of main track across the said W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 22, and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 27 and Lots 1 and 2 of Sec 28, being more particularly described as follows:

Beg. at a point in the E line of said W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 22 and 1818 ft, more or less, N of the SE cor thereof; thence S 62° 37' W for a distance of 3988 ft to a point in the S line of said Sec 22 and 350.3 ft E of the SW cor thereof; thence continuing S 62° 37' W for a distance of 393 ft to a point in the W line of said Sec 27 and 176.3 ft S of the NW cor thereof; thence continuing S 62° 37' W, for a distance of 2458.2 ft;

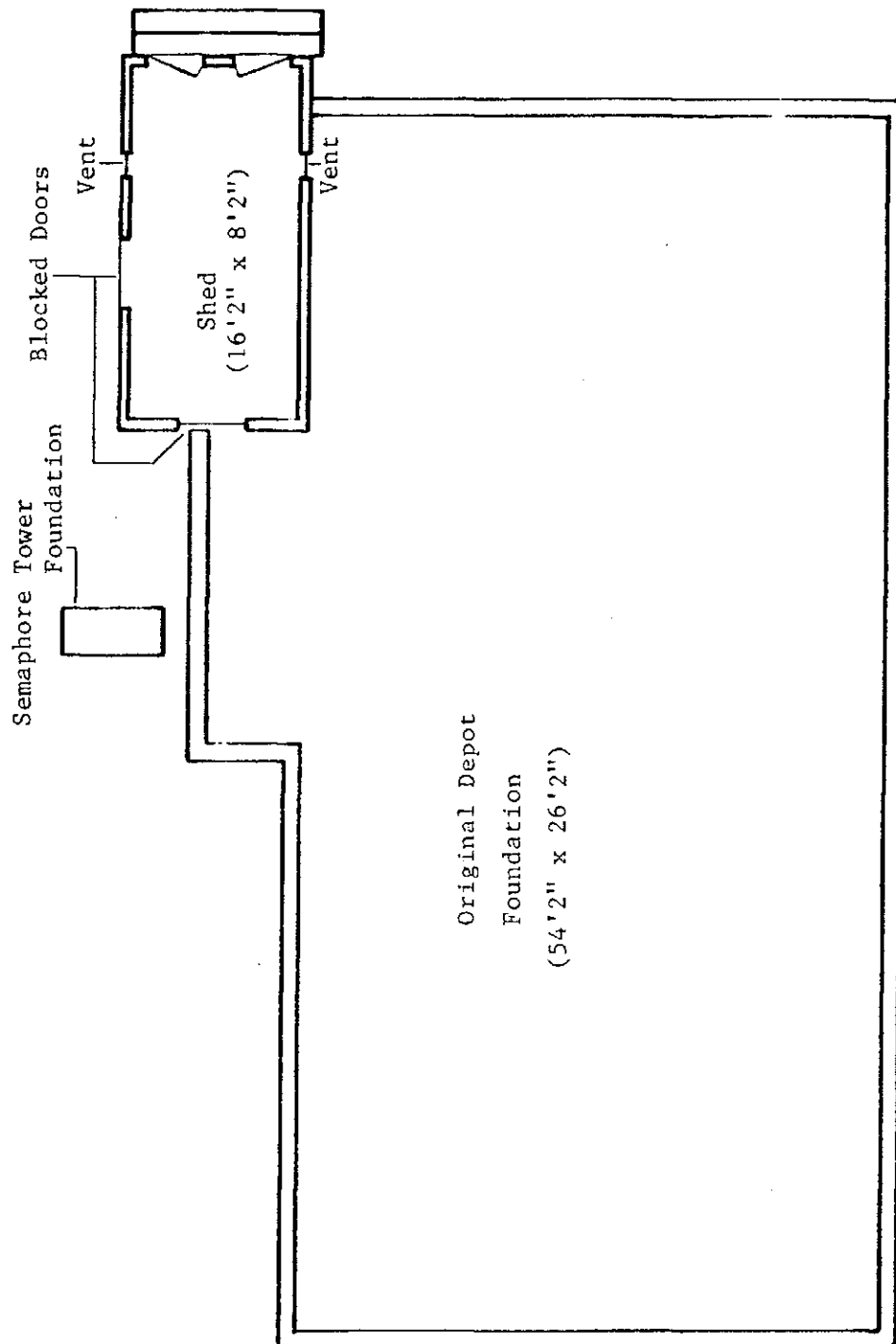
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thence along a spiralled curve to the right having
a radius of 2292 ft, for a distance of 423 ft, more
or less to a point in the N and S center line of said
Sec 28 and 1145 ft more or less, N of the center of
said Sec.

The above described land containing in all 20.81
acres, more or less. (#19425)

Reference: Recorder's Office, Gem County Courthouse, Emmett, Idaho

1913 Deed 15 November 1913
Recorded 15 December 1913
Book B. Deeds, p. 115
E. H. Dewey, Trustee; and E. H. Dewey and wife S. N.
Dewey
to
Oregon Short Line Railroad Company



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Section Tool Shed
approx. 1/8 scale